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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph immediately following the title:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims the benefit of provisional U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 60/175,761, entitled INTERNET-BASED DAMAGE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION OF SYSTEMS SUBJECTED TO CATASTROPHIC NATURAL DISASTERS AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS, filed January 12, 2000.